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TransIT Announces First Annual Commuter Award

Frederick, MD. – TransIT Services of Frederick County announces today its first annual commuter award, Frederick County Commuter of the Year (FCCY), recognizing commuters that live or work in Frederick County, Maryland and who use alternative transportation to get to work. The six-week nomination period will begin at the 2014 Chamber Expo on Tuesday, November 4th 2014 and run until December 19th 2014.

The award is designed to recognize and honor individuals that continuously use alternative forms of transportation and whose outstanding commitment benefits Frederick County and beyond. Commuters save money (over \$10,000 a year by using public transit), time and stress by vanpooling, taking the train, bicycling or teleworking, amongst other alternatives. “We applaud Frederick County for recognizing commuters who are using alternative transportation,” said Michelle Landrum, account manager for Enterprise Rideshare, one of the largest vanpool providers in the county. “We operate nearly 200 vanpools in the region, so we know commuters have some great stories to tell. Beyond the benefits to individual commuters, vanpools also reduce traffic congestion and emissions.”

In recognition of being selected as the first Frederick County Commuter of the Year, award recipient(s) will be entered to win the Clean Air Partners’ Champion award which is presented to one individual in recognition of a significant contribution with lasting impact on the region’s air quality through community outreach, implementing hands-on environmental awareness activities, and demonstrating true leadership initiative. This award includes nominees from the DC Metro and Baltimore region.

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The FCCY Award nomination form includes descriptions of how the nominee has gone above and beyond the call of duty by commuting, how the nominee has demonstrated leadership and innovation at their workplace, and how the nominee commutes to work. Commuters that live or work in Frederick County, Maryland are eligible to participate; self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations can be submitted online at frederickcountymd.gov/transit or emailed to TransitRideshare@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

TransIT Services of Frederick County is a department of the Citizen Services Division of the Frederick County, MD government. TransIT services include public transit, paratransit, and commuter assistance services to Frederick County residents and area commuters. The Transportation Association of Maryland selected TransIT as the 2013 Best Fixed Route System in the state and TransIT driver Ray Milburn as the Paratransit Driver of the year.

For more information on TransIT Services, call the TransIT office weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (301) 600-2065, visit our website at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/transit, or “Like” us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TransITServicesFrederick.

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